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Application Number	09/816,230
Filing Date	March 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Nakamura
Art Unit	3622
Examiner Name	Le, Khanh H.
Attorney Docket Number	01480068aa

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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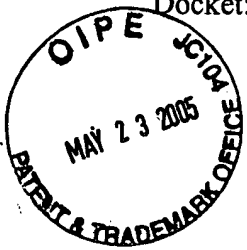
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In re patent application of

Koji Nakamura

Confirmation No. 5805

Serial No. 09/816,230

Group Art Unit 3622

Filed March 26, 2001

Examiner Le, Khanh H

For METHOD OF ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS IN BULLETIN BOARD
AND SYSTEM USING BULLETIN BOARD

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

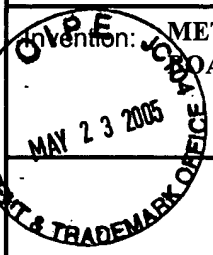
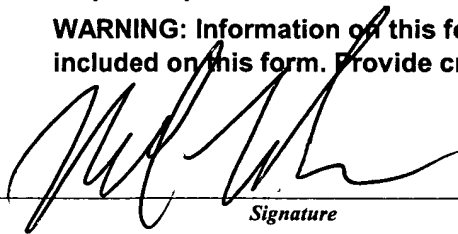
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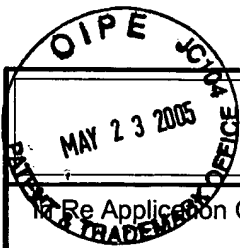
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In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Applicant(s): K. Nakamura						
Application No. 09/816,230	Filing Date March 26, 2001	Examiner K. H. Le	Customer No. 30743	Group Art Unit 3622	Confirmation No. 5805	
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Title: **METHOD OF ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS IN BULLETIN BOARD AND SYSTEM USING BULLETIN BOARD**

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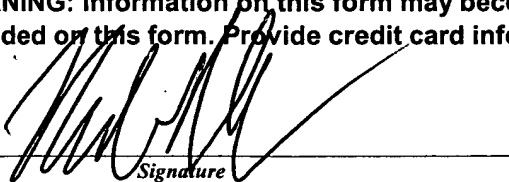
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